

CITY OF LAS VEGAS



**2011
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
VOTER GUIDE**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LAS VEGAS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear City of Las Vegas Voter:

This booklet has been developed as a public service to provide you with important information regarding the 2011 Municipal Elections. Please take the time to read the booklet so that you will be a well-informed voter. Then, take the time to register and vote!!

In the following pages, information has been provided related to the City's Legislative body including appointed and elected officials; voter registration and your voter registration card; absentee/mail balloting; early voting and designated sites; voting on Election Day; and notable election deadlines. Additionally, we have included important dates for City of Las Vegas voters, and a map showing the wards within the boundaries of the City of Las Vegas. Further information may be obtained by visiting our "Election 2011" Web site at [www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Elections/Election 2011](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Elections/Election_2011).

We strive to improve the services offered to the voting public. We hope this guide will assist you in registering and voting in our Municipal Elections.

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GENERAL CITY INFORMATION

WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of Las Vegas was incorporated on March 16, 1911, and until 1944, operated under a "Commission" form of government with each Commissioner having administrative control over certain operating departments of the City. Since January 1, 1944, the City of Las Vegas has operated under what is commonly known as a "Council/Manager" form of government. This form of government was approved by a vote of the people with subsequent Las Vegas City Charter adoption by the Legislature.

Until 1975, the voters of the City elected the Mayor and four City Councilmen. A vote of the people in June of 1973 approved a City Charter amendment dividing the City into four wards. This allowed the Mayor to be elected at large and each Councilman to be elected by the voters of his or her own ward. The City Charter amendment was subsequently adopted by the Legislature with the first election by ward held in 1975. The elected officials chose to use the title "Commissioner" until 1983 when a new City Charter approved by the Legislature changed their title to "Councilman."

A vote of the people in 1999 approved a controversial ballot question to divide the City into six wards. Anticipating a favorable vote, the State Legislature and City Council had previously passed enabling legislation permitting the expansion to six wards. As of January 1, 2000, the change to six wards became effective.

The citizens elect the Mayor and six council members who comprise the "City Council." Their terms are four years with elections staggered every two years.

THE MAYOR

The Mayor serves as a member of the City Council, presides as Chairman over its meetings, performs ceremonial duties and is the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The Mayor serves as the official representative of the people in all matters and officially signs enactments of the City Council. One of the council members is elected by the City Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore to act during the absence of the Mayor.

THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council, including the Mayor, is the governing body of the City and exercises legislative power by enacting ordinances, resolutions, orders and other policies necessary for the management and execution of the powers vested in the City through the City Charter. Among other things, the City Council is empowered to:

- Appoint the City Manager and approve the appointment by the City Manager of the department heads, their assistants and other city staff.
- Adopt an annual budget.
- Act as the Redevelopment Agency.
- Enact and provide for the enforcement of all laws and ordinances.
- May acquire, sell and lease buildings and property.
- Enter into contracts, agreements, franchises, etc.
- License and regulate all businesses, trades and professions.
- Organize, regulate and maintain a fire department.
- Protect the public health.
- Enact and enforce building and safety codes.
- Provide for the zoning, subdivision and use of private land and buildings.
- Provide for traffic control.
- Provide for the abatement, prevention and removal of nuisances.
- Establish and appoint citizens to serve on City of Las Vegas boards - Planning Commission, Civil Service Board, Child Care Licensing Board, Arts Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, to name just a few.

Also, members of the City Council serve on various boards - Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Regional Transportation Commission, Regional Flood Control, District Board of Health, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs, etc.

THE CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney is appointed by the City Council and provides legal guidance and support for elected city officials, city departments, and boards and commissions in conducting city business. The office represents the City before judicial and administrative agencies in civil litigation proceedings and prosecutes all traffic and misdemeanor violations occurring within the limits of the City of Las Vegas. The City Attorney's Office also provides legal guidance to city departments, board and commission members and elected officials concerning matters that may present a conflict of interest.

THE CITY AUDITOR

The City Auditor's Office operates under the direction of the City Council. The Mayor, subject to ratification by the City Council, appoints the City Auditor. The City Auditor is responsible for directing audit professionals in a comprehensive audit program including performance audits, compliance audits, special audits, information systems audits, and financial audits. The City Council created an Audit Committee to review and evaluate internal audit activities. The Committee is appointed by the Mayor and is comprised of two City Council members and three members of the community-at-large.

THE CITY MANAGER

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and is responsible for the effective administration and operation of all municipal services for the City of Las Vegas. The City Manager supervises the City's general affairs; exercises control over all of the departments and divisions of city government and over all of the officers and employees of the City; gives the City Council information concerning the state of the City and recommends the adoption of bills and programs that he deems are necessary and appropriate; submits the annual budget of the City to the City Council; ensures that all general laws and ordinances of the City are observed and enforced; ensures that all contracts of the City are faithfully kept and fully performed; executes contracts and other documents which are delegated to him by the City Council; and performs administrative duties that are designated by the City Council or prescribed by ordinance.

THE CITY CHARTER

The State Legislature adopted the City Charter on January 1, 1944, which established a Council/Manager form of government for the City of Las Vegas. The Charter establishes the municipal government empowered by NRS 268 and is a part of the Las Vegas Municipal Code. City Charter changes can only occur by Nevada legislative action or a vote of the people. It is to the City what the Constitution is to state and federal governments. To access the City Charter and the Las Vegas Municipal Code, go to the City's Web site, select "city government/departments" and then "City Clerk".

THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS WEB SITE

The City of Las Vegas' Web site is www.lasvegasnevada.gov. The Web site is tailored for citizens, businesses, visitors and new residents and offers a translation service for Spanish-speaking citizens. Information on all aspects of city government, including services and responsibilities of each department, is available on the Web site, as well as online or e-services including paying parking tickets.

WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT

Per an act of the Nevada State Legislature, approved March 16, 1911, relative to the incorporation of the City of Las Vegas, the first Municipal Court Judge was appointed by the Las Vegas City Commission on June 22, 1911. A single Municipal Court Judge presided until 1969 when the City Commission appointed an additional judge for Department 2. In 1975, and by ordinance, Department 3 was established with Department 4 being added in 1977. To further serve our growing community, the City Council created Departments 5 and 6 in 1989 and 1991 respectively.

The citizens elect the judges at large by department number. Each judge presides over his or her respective department. In 2001, the Nevada State Legislature increased the judicial terms from four to six years.

The qualifications for Municipal Court Judge are:

- Shall devote full time to the duties of his or her office.
- Duly licensed member in good standing of the State Bar of Nevada.
- Never have been removed or retired from any judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline.
- Qualified elector who has resided within the city for a period of not less than 30 days immediately before the last day for filing a declaration for candidacy.
- Voted upon by the registered voters of the city at large.

The Municipal Court, of the City of Las Vegas, became a 'Court of Record' on December 1, 1995.

ALTERNATE JUDGES

The Mayor of the City of Las Vegas appoints Alternate Judges in sufficient numbers yearly. An Alternate Judge:

- Must be a duly licensed member in good standing of the State Bar of Nevada.
- Never have been removed or retired from any judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline.
- Must be a resident of the city.
- Has all the powers and jurisdiction of a municipal judge while he is acting as such.

MUNICIPAL COURT MARSHALS

Each department of the Las Vegas Municipal Court is allotted a Court Marshal to assist in the operation of the Municipal Court. These Marshals are under direct supervision of the respective Municipal Court Judge of the department to which they are assigned.

VOTER REGISTRATION

WHO SHOULD REGISTER TO VOTE AND WHY

REGISTER TO VOTE IF YOU

- Are not currently registered to vote in Clark County and wish to vote
- OR changed your place of residence and/or mailing address since your last registration (or use a “Change of Address Notice” card)
- OR want to change your party affiliation
- OR changed your name since your last registration
- AND meet all of the qualifications below

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE

Before registering to vote in Clark County, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age by election day (*You may register if you are 17 years old and will be 18 by the next Election Day*)
- Have continuously resided in Clark County for at least 30 days and in your precinct for at least 10 days before the next election
- Claim no other place as your legal residence
- Not currently be laboring under any felony conviction or other loss of civil rights that would make it unlawful for you to vote (Convicted felons who have had their civil rights restored are eligible to register to vote)
- Not be determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

If you meet all of the qualifications above, you may submit a Voter Registration Application to the Clark County Election Department. After completing an Application, make sure you detach and keep the receipt at the bottom. Your Application cannot be fully processed and you will not be registered to vote in Clark County unless you include the following required information:

- Name
- Clark County Residential Address

Do NOT list a post office box or mail forwarding service (mail drop). You may use a post office box or mail forwarding service as an *optional mailing address* on the Application. Do Not list your business address, unless you actually live there; or an “HCR” (Highway Contract Route, used in rural areas).

If you do NOT have a street address: Describe the location with enough detail so that it may be assigned to a precinct. Descriptions may include the four directly adjoining street corners, parcel number or township section.

- Date Of Birth
- Political Party Affiliation
- Nevada Driver's License Number (current and valid)

If you don't have such a license, list the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you don't have a Social Security Number, call the Election Department for instructions.

- Signature

If you cannot sign your name, you must register and provide identification in person at the Election Department. If you cannot appear in person, the Election Department will send an official to you. Stamped signatures and powers of attorney are not acceptable.

Voters who did not provide I.D. when they registered and who have not yet voted in a Clark County election must submit one of the following, or they will be required to provide I.D. identification when they vote in person or request a mail ballot:

- Copy of a current and valid photo identification, such as a Nevada Driver's License, Nevada I.D. Card or military identification card **OR**
- Copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, such as a check, listing the registrant's name and residential address

WHERE TO REGISTER TO VOTE

IN PERSON

You may register in person or before a Field Registrar who is a volunteer trained to register qualified residents on behalf of the Registrar of Voters, or at one of the following locations:

- The Clark County Election Department
- Any City Clerk's office
- The Department of Motor Vehicles
- Any Nevada State Welfare Agency or WIC Office

BY MAIL

Mail-in Voter Registration Applications are available at:

- The Clark County Election Department, Call (702) 455-VOTE (8683) OR go to the Internet website www.clarkcountynv.gov/election
- Any City Clerk's office
- Post Offices
- Most utility companies
- Libraries
- Political party headquarters
- Chambers of Commerce
- Some banks

KEEP YOUR RECEIPT

Whether you register in person or by mail, make sure you detach the receipt from your Application and retain it as proof of your registration. Keep it until you receive your Voter Registration Card or until you vote. If for some reason the Election Department did not receive your Application, the receipt will greatly aid in researching the matter.

WHEN TO EXPECT YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

The Election Department will mail you a Voter Registration Card whenever:

- You submit a properly completed Voter Registration Application.
- You update your registration data, e.g., change your name, address or party affiliation.
- The Election Department makes changes to your polling place, precinct or political district(s).

If you do not receive your Card within two weeks after submitting a Voter Registration Application or updating your registration data, or if you lose your card and would like another, call (702) 455-VOTE (8683).

Your Voter Registration Card Is Non-Forwardable Mail

If the post office returns your Voter Registration Card to the Election Department as "undeliverable" or indicating you've moved, your registration may be made inactive.

Information on Your Voter Registration Card

It contains your:

- Name.
- Residential address and mailing address (if different from your residential address).
- Party affiliation.
- Precinct number and an indication if it is a mailing precinct.
- Polling place location.
- Political districts in which you are entitled to vote.
- Registration Number.

INTERNET LOOKUP

You may view your current registration date on the Internet if you are a properly registered Clark County voter. Simply enter your name and date of birth, exactly as specified on the web page. You can then check your registration number, political party, precinct number, date of birth, home address, polling place address and all of the elected officials for your precinct as well as contact information. The webpage is located at: www.clarkcountynv.gov/election

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS RESIDENTS

Military personnel and their dependents temporarily living outside of Clark County, and Clark County residents temporarily living overseas should submit a "Registration and Absentee Ballot Request - Federal Post Card Application" (FPCA) instead of the standard Voter Registration Application. It is a combined Voter Registration Application and mail ballot request that eliminates the need to submit these items separately. The registration/mail ballot request is valid through the next two regularly scheduled general elections for federal offices (e.g., 2010 and 2012). The FPCA is available from Voting Officers at military bases, U.S. embassies or consulates and the Election Department.

KEEP YOUR ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE

Make sure the Election Department always has your current mailing address; otherwise you may not receive your mail ballot and other election related materials. Your registration may also be made "INACTIVE"

INACTIVE REGISTRATION

Why Your Registration Would Become Inactive

If non-forwardable mail, such as your Voter Registration Card or sample ballot is returned as "undeliverable" or indicating you've moved, you will be sent a forwardable notice advising you to update your address with the Election Department. You must do so within 30 days or your registration will be placed on inactive status.

Your registration will not become inactive if non-forwardable mail sent to your mailing address (rather than your residential address) is returned "undeliverable". Instead, your mailing address will be removed from your registration record. A new Voter Registration Card containing the change will then be mailed to your residential address.

What Happens When Your Registration is Inactive

You will no longer receive election related materials, such as sample ballots, because the Election Department does not know your current address. You may still vote in your precinct of record, but you will be asked to confirm your address. If you go to another precinct on Election Day, you will be directed to go to the polling place where you can vote in your precinct of record. Your registration will be CANCELLED if, after your status becomes inactive, you don't vote in two consecutive federal elections.

How to Make Your Registration Active Again

Update your address with the Election Department by the registration deadline to make your registration active again. If you have not moved, call the Election Department at 455-VOTE (8683) for instructions.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Register by the fifth Saturday Before the Election

The Election Department must receive your PROPERLY completed Voter Registration Application on or before the fifth Saturday before each Election or you will have to register at your [City Clerk's office](#) during the Extended “in-office” registration period that immediately follows, in order for you to vote in that election. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the fifth Saturday before the Election.

March 7 to 15, 2011 (*In-Office*): Extended period for *in-office* registration or updates for the 2011 Primary Election at your City Clerk’s office.

Monday, March 7 thru Thursday, March 10, 2011 – 7 am to 5:30 pm

Extended Hours – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 11 through 13, 2011 – 9 am to 9 pm

Extended Hours - Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15, 2011 – 7 am to 9 pm

May 9 to 17, 2011 (*In-Office*): Extended period for *in-office* registration or updates for the 2011 General Election at your City Clerk’s office.

Monday, May 9 thru Thursday, May 12, 2011 – 7 am to 5:30 pm

Extended Hours – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 13 through 15, 2011 – 9 am to 9 pm

Extended Hours - Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17, 2011 – 7 am to 9 pm

KEEPING YOUR REGISTRATION CURRENT

Update your Registration by the third Saturday before each Election.

How to Update Your Address

When you move or change your mailing address, notify the Election Department in writing as soon as possible prior to the registration deadline Your **HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE** is always required. Proper notifications include:

- Your Voter Registration Card, with the back fully completed
- A Change of Address Card, available for printing from the Internet at www.clarkcountynv.gov/election or you may call 455-VOTE (8683)
- A Voter Registration Application, which you may request on the Internet at www.clarkcountynv.gov/election or you, may call 455-VOTE (8683).

A letter which must include:

- Your full name.
- Your old Clark County residential and/or mailing address.
- Your new Clark County residential and/or mailing address.
- Your birth date.
- Your signature.
- Several people in a household may use a single letter, but they must all sign it.

How to Update Your Name

If you change your name by marriage or other legal means, properly complete, in its entirety, a Voter Registration Application and include your new name and handwritten signature. No proof of the change is required. Make sure you submit it prior to the registration deadline. You may request an Application on the Internet at www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/Forms or you may call 455-VOTE (8683).

How to Update Your Political Party Affiliation

To change your political party affiliation, properly complete, in its entirety, a Voter Registration Application indicating your new party affiliation. Make sure you submit it prior to the registration deadline. You may request an Application on the Internet at www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/Forms or you may call 455-VOTE (8683).

Municipal Elections are NONPARTISAN, which means that candidates’ political parties will not be shown on the ballot. Municipal elections are OPEN, which means that if any City of Las Vegas resident is properly registered, they may vote for all offices on their ballot regardless of party affiliation.

VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Make Voting Easier and Faster

Voting will be easier for you and faster for everyone if you study, mark and bring your sample ballot with you when you vote. Do not wait until you are in the voting booth to review your sample ballot.

When to Expect Your Sample Ballot

Every active registered voter in the City of Las Vegas will be sent a sample ballot before early voting begins. Sample ballots are **NON-FORWARDABLE**. If you moved and do not notify the Election Department in writing of your new address by the registration deadline, you will not receive your sample ballot.

What Your Sample Ballot Contains

Your sample ballot contains valuable information you will need for voting:

- Your Polling Place and Precinct: on the back cover the name and address of your polling place will be printed in RED, along with an area map and your precinct number. At your polling place, you must sign in at the table for your precinct number.
- Early Voting Schedule: Find the dates, times and locations of early voting sites open during the period before Election Day in the front portion of your sample ballot.
- Reproduction of Your Ballot: containing the races for which you are eligible to vote.
- Voting Instructions: Sample ballots will have simple voting instructions for Clark County's voting systems, i.e., AVC full-face ballot voting machines and Edge touch-screen voting machines. Sample ballots customized for mail ballot voting will include instructions for optical scan voting.
- Ballots will be provided in 14 point font, and in both English and Spanish for the Municipal Elections

Standard Election Day Voting Process

An election official will direct you to the correct precinct table when you first enter your polling place. You will give your name to the Clerk at the precinct table. The Clerk will find your name in the Precinct Register and ask you to sign next to your facsimile signature. The Clerk will then verify your identity by comparing your handwritten signature to your facsimile signature. The Clerk will complete a voting receipt showing your precinct number, then give you the receipt and direct you to either an AVC (full-face ballot) or Edge (touch-screen) voting machine to vote. All voting machines will have Spanish and English ballots and instructions.

Polling Place Location

The name and address of your polling place will be printed in **RED** on the back cover of your sample ballot. Your precinct number and an area map will also be included. At your polling place, you must sign in at the table displaying your precinct number. If, at any time, the Election Department changes your polling place, you will receive written notification and a new Voter Registration Card.

PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF VOTING

Procedures

NRS 293.274 sets out the rules for observation of voting by the public at polling places. Anyone may observe voting at a polling place, i.e., no credentials or paperwork are required. An observer must ask for the polling place "Team Leader" when he/she arrives. The Team Leader will direct the observer to a designated location within the polling place. The observer must remain within this area at all times. Limited special provisions are made for the media.

Posting Logs Are Public Information about Who Voted in Person on Election Day

ANYONE may examine the completed Posting Logs at an election day polling place to see who did or did not vote there in person that day.

MAIL (ABSENTEE) BALLOT VOTING

Who May Vote By Mail

Each calendar year, any registered voter, for any reason, may request a mail ballot. The request must be in WRITING.

First-Time Voters Who Did Not Provide I.D. When They Registered

Any registered voter, for any reason, may request a mail ballot. The request must be in writing.

First-time voters who did not provide I.D. when they registered must provide I.D. when they vote: If you did not provide identification when you registered and have not yet voted in a Clark County election:

- You must provide a copy of your I.D. when you request a mail ballot for the first time.
- If you do not include a copy of your I.D. with your mail ballot request, you may still submit it along with your voted mail ballot, inside the official return envelope.
- If you never provide I.D., your ballot will not be counted.

What Is Mail Ballot Voting

Mail ballots accommodate voters who cannot or do not wish to vote in person during early voting or on Election Day. After the request is processed, the voter will be sent mail ballot voting materials, which include an optical scan ballot, a sample ballot designed for mail ballot voting and instructions.

If you do not receive your requested mail ballot at least seven days before the election, please contact the Las Vegas City Clerk's office at (702) 229-6311, or TTY (702) 386-9108.

Where Mail Ballot Requests Are Available

- Your City Clerk (Municipal Elections/Odd-Numbered Years Only): If you are eligible to vote in Municipal Elections, call your City Clerk or the Clark County Election Department at (702) 229-6311, TTY (702) 386-9108 to have a Mail Ballot Request Card sent to you. For this election you may print a Mail Ballot Request from the City of Las Vegas website at www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Elections/Election_2011.
- The Election Department:
Call 455-6552 to have a Mail Ballot Request Card sent to you.
- Write Your Own Letter: The letter must include the following for each person in the household requesting a mail ballot:
 - Full name
 - Date of Birth (optional)
 - Clark County residential address and the address where you want the mail ballot sent (if different from the residential address)
 - The elections (all, primary, general, or special) in which you want to vote by mail—you will be sent a mail ballot for only those elections and no others, e.g., if you only indicate the primary, you will not be sent a mail ballot for the general, special and vice-versa
 - Handwritten signature
 - Optional: A telephone number (in case any questions arise)
 - Optional: Your Nevada Voter Registration number (on your Voter Registration Card).

Request for Absent/Mail Ballot

The request must be received in the City Clerk's office at 400 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before Election Day. The specific deadlines are:

March 29, 2011: Last day to RECEIVE written mail ballot requests for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Primary Election.

May 31, 2011: Last day to RECEIVE written mail ballot requests for the June 2, 2011 Municipal General Election.

Returning Your Voted Ballot

Do NOT drop off your voted mail ballot at an Early Voting or Election Day polling place. It will NOT be accepted. You may drop it off at the Las Vegas City Clerk's office on or before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please see contact information contained within this guide.

Voting In Person Instead of By Mail

If you requested a mail ballot, you still have the option of voting on an electronic voting machine at an early voting site or at your election day polling place. If you are in a mailing precinct, you may only do this at an early voting site, NOT at an election day polling place.

If You Have Your Mail Ballot

Surrender your voted or non-voted mail ballot (in the packet sent to you) to an election official at the voting site. He/she will then process you to vote.

If You Do Not Have Your Mail Ballot

You will sign an affirmation at the voting site swearing that you have not already voted in the current election. An election official will verify your affirmation against Election Department records.

DEADLINE

The Las Vegas City Clerk must receive your voted mail ballot (whether mailed or returned in person) on or before 7:00 p.m. ON ELECTION DAY in order for it to be counted.

Who May Return It

Only the voter who requested the mail ballot or a family member may return it. If a family member returns it, that family member must sign a statement confirming he or she is a member of the voter's family.

GENERAL QUESTIONS & INFORMATION

What is a Posting Log

Nevada law (NRS 293.301) requires Posting Logs to be available as public information at every Election Day polling place. Posting Logs alphabetically list voters, by precinct, at a particular polling place and include the voters' name, address and party. Posting Logs show who voted in person on Election Day at the polling place during four specific time periods. Election Clerks prepare Posting Logs by placing a check next to the name of each individual who signs the precinct register and votes in person. There is one set of four Posting Logs for each precinct.

Who May View Posting Logs

Anyone inside the polling place may view completed Posting Logs after polling place officials make them available to the public. Posting Logs must remain inside the polling place.

Election Night Tabulation

After the polls close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, the results are brought to the central tabulation facility (Clark County Election Center, 965 Trade Dr., North Las Vegas) for processing. They are tabulated along with early voting and mail ballot results. You may access unofficial election results on the internet beginning shortly after the polls close. You can find links to the election results from the City website at www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Elections/Election_2011 or the Clark County website at www.clarkcountynv.gov/election

Electioneering/Campaigning

Nevada Revised Statutes sections 293C.3572, 293C.361 and 293.740 govern campaigning and electioneering. The rules differ for Early Voting and Election Day:

Early Voting

- If the voting site is located on PRIVATE PROPERTY (mall, supermarket, etc.), no one may electioneer on the owner's property without the owner's permission (NRS 293C.3572).
- If the voting site is located on PUBLIC PROPERTY, no one may electioneer within 100 feet of the voting area (NRS 293C.361)

Election Day

- No one may electioneer within 100 feet of the entrance to the building or structure in which a polling place is located (NRS 293.740)

Definition

NRS 293.740 defines electioneering as campaigning for or against a candidate, ballot question or political party by:

- Posting signs
- Distributing literature
- Using loudspeakers
- Buying, selling, wearing or displaying any badge, button or other insignia. A person may wear political insignia while voting only if he or she is reasonably unable to remove or cover it
- Polling or otherwise soliciting information from a voter as to how the voter intends to vote or has voted.
- Soliciting signatures for any kind of petition.

Unlawful Acts

Fraudulently Requesting A Mail Ballot : It is a felony for a person to fraudulently request a mail ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person to fraudulently request a mail ballot in the name of another person.

Voting More Than Once: It is a felony for an eligible voter to vote or attempt to vote more than once in the same election.

Bribery: It is a felony to bribe, offer a bribe, or use any other corrupt means, directly or indirectly, to influence any voter in giving his/her vote or to deter him/her from giving it.

Emergency Voting

You May Vote on an Emergency Basis: You may apply for an emergency ballot beginning the sixth day before an election through 5:00 p.m. on Election Day. An emergency ballot will be issued to your authorized representative only if:

One of the Following Happens:

- You are suddenly hospitalized,
- OR you suddenly become seriously ill,
- OR you are suddenly called away from home.

And All of the Following Apply:

- Your illness, hospitalization or absence occurs after the last day for requesting a mail ballot,
- AND you cannot go to an early voting site or the period for early voting has ended,
- AND you cannot go to the polls on election day,
- AND you can provide facts sufficient to establish the emergency.

When and Where to Apply for an Emergency Ballot

You may apply for an emergency ballot at the Las Vegas City Clerk's office during the period for Emergency Voting.

When and Where to Return Voted Emergency Ballots

The Las Vegas City Clerk must receive voted emergency ballots on or before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order for them to be counted.

REGISTRATION AND VOTING ACCOMMODATIONS

REGISTRATION ACCOMMODATIONS

If You Cannot Sign Your Name on Your Voter Registration Application: You must register and be identified in person at the Election Department. If you are unable to appear in person, you may request the Election Department send an election official to you.

VOTING ACCOMMODATIONS

Polling Places: Disabled voters are accommodated inside of polling places on Election Day and during early voting. All polling places are accessible to the disabled.

Inside Polling Places: If you are disabled, you may request to have priority in voting. Election officials will take you to the front of the line for processing at the precinct table. You may then have first preference in voting on the priority machine designated for disabled voters.

Signing the Precinct Register: If you cannot sign your name in the precinct register due to a physical disability, you may still vote. Election officials will identify you by asking you questions about personal data from your voter registration records.

Inside the Voting Booth: You have several options for casting your ballot inside the voting machine booth:

VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTERS

Accommodations are designed to meet the varying types and degrees of assistance you may need:

- A large magnifying sheet is available inside each voting booth to aid in reading the ballot.
- Audio voting will be available at all early voting sites and at centralized locations on Election Day to permit voting in complete privacy without assistance from another person.
- Another individual may assist you in casting your ballot, as long as you and your assistant meet the requirements described below.

ASSISTANCE BY ANOTHER PERSON

Another person may assist you in voting inside the booth as long as you swear in writing, under penalty of perjury, in an "Affidavit of Voter Assistance" that you are:

- Visually impaired
- Physically disabled and/or
- Cannot read or write English

AND your assistant is **NOT**:

- Your employer or employer's agent
- A representative of any labor organization to which you may belong

WHEELCHAIR VOTERS

The height of the voting machine's booth is adjustable for wheelchairs, enabling voting without assistance in complete privacy with physical ease.

MAIL BALLOTS

Reasonable accommodations will be made for the use of mail ballots by disabled or elderly voters.

If You Cannot Sign Your Name: If you cannot sign your name due to a physical disability, you may still vote by mail. You must submit a written statement to the Election Department, on an annual basis, containing:

- A statement from a physician licensed in Nevada certifying that you are unable to mark or sign a ballot, or use a voting device without assistance because of a physical disability.
- The name, address and signature of the person who will assist you in marking or signing the mail ballot on your behalf.

The assisting person may, on your behalf, mark or sign your mail ballot, but must indicate next to your signature that the ballot was marked and signed on your behalf.

EARLY VOTING (Before Election Day)

VOTING IS EASY! All City of Las Vegas voters may vote at any of the convenient early voting sites
OR on Election Day at your assigned polling location.

PERIOD FOR EARLY VOTING

Voters registered in the City of Las Vegas may vote at an early voting site beginning Saturday, March 19 for the Primary Election and Saturday, May 21 for the General Election. An early voting schedule is available on the webpage at [www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Elections/Election 2011](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Elections/Election%2011).

HOW TO VOTE EARLY

Upon arriving at the site, your eligibility and signature will be verified before you are allowed to vote. Computers at each site are connected to the Election Department's centralized voter registration files and your voting record will be updated when you vote, thus preventing the possibility of your voting twice. All Early voting sites use "Edge" touch screen voting machines. These machines provide ballots and instructions in both English and Spanish.

CITY OFFICES AND FILING INFORMATION - 2011

Municipal elections are OPEN and NONPARTISAN. That means, candidates' political parties do not appear on the ballot. You must be a properly registered voter of the City of Las Vegas to vote in this election and you may vote regardless of your party affiliation.

Las Vegas City Charter provides that if, in the Primary City Election, one candidate for an office receives more than a majority of votes cast, they are declared elected and no General City Election is held. If no candidate for that office receives a majority of votes, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes are placed on the ballot for the General City Election. Therefore, YOUR PRIMARY ELECTION VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

The term of office for the Mayor and each Council Ward is four years and six year terms for the City's Municipal Judge positions.

The City's Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 and the General Election, if required, will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Offices for election are:

MAYOR 4 Year Term Salary: \$65,247 Incumbent: None	MUNICIPAL JUDGE DEPARTMENT 2 6 Year Term , Elected At Large Salary: \$149,356 Incumbent: None (Elizabeth B. Kolkoski, Retiring)
COUNCILMAN WARD 1 4 Year Term Salary: \$49,665 Incumbent: Lois Tarkanian	MUNICIPAL JUDGE DEPARTMENT 3 6 Year Term , Elected At Large Salary: \$149,356 Incumbent: George Assad
COUNCILMAN WARD 3 4 Year Term Salary: \$49,665 Incumbent: None	MUNICIPAL JUDGE DEPARTMENT 5 6 Year Term , Elected At Large Salary: \$149,356 Incumbent: Cedric A. Kerns
COUNCILMAN WARD 5 4 Year Term Salary: \$49,665 Incumbent: Ricki Y. Barlow	

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

Each candidate for MAYOR shall be a qualified elector* who has actually**, as opposed to constructively, resided within the boundaries of the city which he/she desires to represent for a period of not less than 30 days immediately prior to the last day for filing a Declaration of Candidacy. The mayor shall be elected by the registered voters of the city at large.

Each candidate for COUNCILMAN shall be a qualified elector* who has actually**, as opposed to constructively, resided within the ward which he/she desires to represent for a period of not less than 30 days immediately prior to the last day for filing a Declaration of Candidacy. Each City Councilman shall be elected by the registered voters of the ward in which he/she is a candidate.

Each candidate for MUNICIPAL JUDGE shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, never been removed or retired from any judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline and a qualified elector* who has actually**, as opposed to constructively, resided within the boundaries of the city for a period of not less than 30 days immediately prior to the last day for filing a Declaration of Candidacy. Each municipal judge shall be elected by the registered voters of the City at large.

*A qualified elector is a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, who satisfied any residency requirement for this election and is not otherwise disqualified by reason of a treason or felony conviction or insanity, unless their civil rights have been restored by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Please note that if, upon receipt of credible evidence indicating that a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his civil rights restored by a court of competent jurisdiction, filing officers may pursue removing the individual from the ballot (NRS 293C.185).

***“Actual residence” is defined in NRS 281.050 as the place where a person is legally domiciled and maintains a permanent habitation. If the person maintains more than one such habitation, the place the person declares to be his or her principal permanent habitation when filing a declaration pursuant to NRS 293C.185 shall be deemed to be the person’s actual residence.

Provisions

If at 5 p.m. on the last day for filing a Declaration of Candidacy, there is only one candidate for any office, that candidate must be declared elected and no Primary or General City Election may be held for that office (NRS 293C.180).

Elected officials shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the day of the first regular meeting of the City Council next succeeding the meeting at which the canvass of the returns is made. (City Charter 5.100).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOTERS

January 5, 2011. Last day candidate may become a resident.	January 25 to February 4, 2011 <i>(Tuesday through following Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).</i> Filing for office.
February 8, 2011, 5:00 p.m. Last day for candidate to withdraw. Must be in writing and presented to the City Clerk.	March 1, 2011. Last day for organizations to notify the City Clerk of Absent Ballot Request Card mailings for Primary Election if sending to more than 500 registered voters.

IN PERSON VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Monday through Thursday, March 7 through 10, 2011, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Extended Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 11 through 13, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Extended Hours: Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15, 2011, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 15, 2011. Last day for organizations to mail Absent Ballot Request Card mailings for Primary Election if sending to more than 500 registered voters.	March 19 to April 1, 2011. Early voting for Primary Election.
March 29, 2011. Last day for written requests for Absentee Ballots to be received by the City Clerk for Primary Election.	April 5, 2011. <i>PRIMARY ELECTION.</i>
April 11, 2011. Special City Council Meeting to canvass and certify Primary Election.	April 20, 2011 City Council Meeting Seating of successful Primary Election candidates.
May 3, 2011. Last day for organizations to notify the City Clerk of Absent Ballot Request card mailings for General Election if sending to more than 500 registered voters.	

IN PERSON VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Monday, through Thursday, May 9 through 12, 2011, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Extended Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 13 through 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Extended Hours: Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17, 2011, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

May 17, 2011. Last day for organizations to mail Absent Ballot Request Card mailings for General Election if sending to more than 500 registered voters.	May 21 to June 3, 2011. Early voting for General Election.
May 31, 2011. Last day for written requests for Absentee Ballots to be received by the City Clerk for General Election.	June 7, 2011. <i>GENERAL ELECTION.</i>
June 15, 2011. City Council Meeting to canvass and certify General Election.	July 6, 2011 City Council Meeting Seating of successful General Election candidates.